A VISITOR checks the quality of a shawl at a shop in Pipal Mandi, Peshawar, on Saturday. — White Star

CM leads 'street movement' rally in Mardan

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mohammad Sohail Afridi and other leaders of Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf on Saturday led a street movement rally in Mardan in connection with the February 8 countrywide protests.

Mr Afridi along with PTI's KP president MNA Junaid Akbar Khan, minister for local government Meena Khan Afridi and other senior leaders left the provincial capital in a rally around noon.

According to PTI KP deputy information secretary Ikram Khatana, the rally started at Jhagra village on GT Road, just outside the provincial capital, where a large number of party workers welcomed Mr Afridi and his entourage. Mr Afridi also addressed the party workers on the occasion.

The participants also stopped in Taru Jabba area of Nowshera district, where a large number of party leaders and workers greeted them. In his speech on this occasion, Mr Afridi said that they were peacefully protesting against 'fascism' in the country. He said that they were following the directions of the party founder Imran Khan and thus far had not broken a single flower pot in this campaign.

Mr Afridi said that the Constitution allowed them to protest peacefully and they would exercise this right.

He said that street movement for the release of the PTI founder would reach its peak by February 8 and they would announce their next course of action on that day.

He alleged that the PTI founder had been kept in solitary confinement and same was the case of his wife, Bushra Bibi, a 'non-political' person.

He said that Mr Khan was not being allowed family meetings, which was worrying.

He said that those who were behind denial of meetings with Mr Khan should allow him to meet with his family; otherwise, they would be responsible for the consequences of increasing public anger.

Mr Afridi and his entourage entered Mardan at Rashkai interchange where they were greeted by a large gathering of party leaders and workers. Later, upon their arrival in Mardan, party leaders and workers in the city greeted the rally with fireworks and also chanted in favour of Mr Khan.

74,000 KP residents received free healthcare in other provinces last year

Official data reveals KP govt paid Rs3.45bn to hospitals in 2025 through State Life

By Ashfaq Yusufzai

PESHAWAR: Around 74,000 Khyber Pakhtunkhwa residents received free treatment under the provincial government's health insurance scheme Sehat Card Plus in other provinces and regions of the country, mostly in Punjab, in 2025, shows official data.

Last year, 73,919 people from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were admitted to hospitals in other provinces and regions under the SCP programme as they lived there due to employment and businesses. The province paid a total of Rs3.452 billion for the free treatment last year through the State Life Insurance Corporation, which is implementing the free healthcare initiative on behalf of the KP government.

The data reveals that Punjab remained the highest beneficiary for receiving Rs1.982 billion for treating 40,772 KP residents under the health insurance scheme.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has empanelled 804 hospitals countrywide for the treatment of residents on the production of computerised national identity cards.

Punjab has the highest number of empanelled hospitals, mostly in Lahore, while its every city has at least two or more hospitals for the treatment of KP residents. These hospitals total 478 in Punjab, 168 in KP, 85 in Balochistan, 28 in Gilgit-Baltistan, 21 in Sindh and 17 each in Islamabad and Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

The data shows that hospitals in the federal capital earned revenue of Rs1.123 billion by providing treatment to 23,467 people under the SCP programme. In Sindh, 8,132 patients underwent treatment, with the KP government paying Rs295 billion.

The provincial government spent Rs44 million on the treatment of its 1,080 residents in Balochistan, Rs4 million on 175 residents in Gilgit-Baltistan and Rs4 millionon 93 residents in Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

Officials in the health department told *Dawn* that before the empanelment of hospitals in other provinces and regions, the KP residents settled outside the province in connection with business or jobs used to either pay for treatment on their own or return to the province to claim free services.

They add that in order to facilitate them, the government started enlisting hospitals in other provinces to access free care.

The officials said in all regions, the hospitals inducted for free treatment on SCP included both public and private sector where the people can go, they said.

They said most patients received free healthcare for general diseases whose treatment was available in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The care was sought for general surgical, neurosurgical, orthopaedic, gynaecological, ophthalmological and ENT issues.

The officials said after the empanelment of hospitals in other provinces, a total of 350,000 people had received services outside KP on SCP.

They said since Feb 2022, 99 KP residents had got free liver transplants in other parts of the country under the health insurance programme, with 83 undergoing surgery in Islamabad and 16 in Lahore.

The officials said liver transplantation wasn't offered in KP hospitals with its cost being Rs6.5 million, covering both surgery and one-year post-transplant tests and medicines.

They said overall, 1.2 million were the recipients of free SCP care at a cost of Rs35 billion in 2025.

The officials said 10.6 million families were registered for SCP, with each of them eligible to consume Rs1 million a year.

They said the health insurance programme covered secondary and tertiary care requiring hospitalisation.

The officials said since Feb 2016, 4,978,491 patients from KP had received Rs135 billion free diagnostic care and treatment under the programme.

Death toll from Dera suicide blast rises to seven

By Our Correspondent

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: The death toll from a suicide attack at a wedding ceremony in Dera Ismail Khan has risen to seven, while seven others were injured, according to police and Rescue 1122 officials.

The attack took place on Friday night near Qureshi Mor during a wedding celebration at a house. Police said guests were engaged in traditional drum dancing when a suicide bomber detonated explosives inside a room, triggering a powerful blast that caused part of the building to collapse.

Rescue 1122 officials said that multiple ambulances, along with fire and disaster response vehicles, were dispatched to the site immediately after reports of the explosion. The bodies and the injured were shifted to nearby hospitals, while rescue teams carried out debris-clearing operations.

Police confirmed that those killed included Waheedullah alias Jigri, Inayatullah, Abdul Majeed Lagri Advocate, Shahzad, Waheed, Rehmanullah, and the suicide bomber.

Authorities said funeral prayers of the deceased were offered separately in their native areas.

The injured were identified as Sohail, Mohammad Waris, Nazirullah, Rehman Ali, Tauheedullah, Noor Alam, and Shafiullah. Some of the injured were reported to be in critical condition.

District police officer Sajjad Ahmed Sahibzada confirmed that the head of the suicide attacker was recovered from the scene, conclusively establishing it as a suicide bombing.

Security forces cordoned off the area and launched an investigation, while additional security personnel were deployed in and around the district.

Jirga discusses industrial area status for Darra

By Our Correspondent

KOHAT: A high-level consultative jirga held here on Saturday discussed declaring Darra Adamkhel, a merged tribal tehsil of Kohat district, as an industrial area in recognition of its traditional craftsmanship in weaponry.

The jirga, chaired by provincial minister for law and parliamentary affairs Aftab Alam, was also attended by Kohat division commissioner Syed Motasim Billah Shah and deputy commissioner Rahimullah Mehsud.

The minister said that formalising the arms manufacturing sector would ensure fair market value for locally produced handmade weapons.

It would also curb illegal production and trafficking by opening avenues for future exports, and strengthen the industry, he said.

The participants highlighted Darra's historical commercial significance, and the region's strong potential for industrial development.

Tribal elders presented proposals aimed at establishing the area as an industrial hub.

The provincial minister hoped that by granting industrial status to Darra Adamkhel would help boost economic activities, create employment opportunities for local youth and accelerate overall regional development.

The minister assured the elders of full government support, stating that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government was serious about transforming Darra Adamkhel into an industrial centre and would take concrete steps to achieve this goal.

He added that the provincial government was actively promoting industrial growth and had directed relevant departments to ensure timely completion of the ongoing and new development projects in Kohat district and Darra Adamkhel.

High court orders preservation of glaciers

Seeks compliance reports from relevant DCs, DPOs in 30 days

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court has directed deputy commissioners in six snowbound districts of the province to take steps for preservation of glaciers and ban snow transportation.

A bench consisting of Justice Wiqar Ahmad and Justice Farah Jamshed, in light of a report received from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Agency, ordered: "In such circumstances, we issue orders to the deputy commissioners of Upper and Lower Chitral, Upper Dir, Swat, Mansehra and Upper Kurram to immediately take steps for preservation of all such glaciers and natural snow."

"One of such measures should be that transportation of the natural snow should be immediately banned and no vehicle should be allowed to transport such natural snow. District police Officers (DPOs) of the districts concerned shall immediately implement such orders of the deputy commissioners through their ground formations," it declared.

The court added that the compliance reports should be submitted by DCs and DPOs of those districts in the next 30 days through the office of the KP advocate general.

The bench fixed Feb 17 for next hearing of a petition seeking an immediate crackdown on illegal harvesting and commercial exploitation of glacial ice in Hazara and Malakand regions of the province.

The petition was filed by lawyer and environmentalist Tariq Afghan, who sought the court's orders for the KP Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a thorough investigation into the matter to identify culprits for legal action.

He also requested the court to direct the respondents, including the EPA, the government and the deputy commissioners, to strictly enforce laws and regulations on environmental protection to prevent illegal glacier cutting for commercial purposes.

The petitioner sought the court's orders for the federal and provincial governments to make special laws to conserve glaciers.

Advocate Sajeed Khan Afridi appeared along with the petitioner, whereas deputy attorney general Akbar Yousaf Khalil and additional advocate general Bilal Khan represented the federal and KP government.

The bench referred to different paras of a report submitted by the EPA, which said representatives from local police and community members in those areas were of the view that snow harvesting could be a potential source of degrading environment.

"At the time of the visit, no significant snow harvesting activities were observed in the region. However local people confirmed that snow harvesting activities take place sometimes and this practice should be completely banned as it can contribute to climate change and extreme weather events," the report said.

The deputy commissioner of Upper Chitral had also submitted a report declaring that most assertions in the petition are correct.

Advocate Sajeed Khan Afridi insisted that his client learned about the illegal harvesting of glacial ice for commercial purposes, an activity that posed a serious threat to the environment, biodiversity and the lives of the people who got water from it.

He said that on June 14, 2024, the petitioner submitted a detailed complaint to the EPA's director-general about that illegal activity and sought immediate action.

The lawyer, however, complained that despite a lapse of considerable time, the EPA neither took any substantial action to address the issue nor did it inform the petitioner about progress on his complaint.

He said that the petitioner belonged to one of the affected areas and that the people involved in the illegal business had been extracting ice from glaciers at lower levels.

The lawyer insisted that people cut glaciers from the bottom and with rise in temperature, it also caused floods devastating downstream areas.

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1	Cloud-Based ESG Software for Tracking and Reporting ESG Indicators	EE-A4825-FF	Single Stage Two Envelope	These tenders will be available through SAP Ariba Portal Only
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3	Construction of Washroom at BOT FS, Islamabad	PM-19294-JAR		
4	Provision and installation of Signage Items at NVROS of Faisalabad division	RF-19425-SI		
5	Services for Dus: Bins Paint & Graphics Works At Retail Outlets-Central Zone	RF-19424-SI		
6	Disposal of IT scrap at PSO House	ARR-2251-25-HR	Single Stage-One Envelope	These tenders will be available through SAP Ariba Portal Only
7	Disposal of Miscellaneous Scrap at ZOT Installation (Retail Facilities)	ARR-2134-25-HR		
8	Disposal of tanks at Retail Business Hyderabad	ARR-2217-25-HR		
9	Disposal of scrap at Keamari B Installation (Aviation scrap)	ARR-2227-25-HR		
10	Disposal of Scrap at Karachi Airport	ARR-2260-25-HR		
11	Disposal of old records at Keamari Terminal B - CTAC Building	ARR-2263-26-HR		
12	Disposal of scrap at Habibabad Depot	ARR-2261-26-HR		
13	Procurement of LPG 5000 MT per month for six months	GF-19427-UK		

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BID OPENING (THROUGH SAP ARIBA)	10.02.2026	03:00 PM Onwards

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FOR S. NO. 13	DATE	TIME
BID DOCUMENTS COLLECTION (THROUGH SAP ARIBA)	From 26.01.2026 till 02.02.2026	08:30 AM TO 04:30 PM
BID SUBMISSION (THROUGH SAP ARIBA)	03.02.2026	Till 02:15 PM
BID OPENING (THROUGH SAP ARIBA)	03.02.2026	03:00 PM Onwards

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DETAILS	DATE	TIME
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BID SUBMISSION	03rd FEBRUARY 2026	TILL 10:00 AM
BID OPENING	03rd FEBRUARY 2026	10:30 AM ONWARDS

NOTE: Single Stage Two Envelope bidding procedure shall be followed

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